Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

Nanna and I would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you a joyous holiday season and a happy, prosperous new year.

It has been a good year for the university, due in no small part to your hard work, dedication and perseverance.

As we look to the new year, we will have new challenges to meet. However, because of your continuing loyalty and efforts on behalf of the university, I am confident we will meet those challenges and reach our goals.

It is a pleasure to be associated with so many people who have the best interests of Marshall at heart.
Marshall faculty and staff achievements

Dr. GARY O. RANKIN, professor of pharmacology, was an invited speaker at the 16th Annual Conference on Drug Metabolism and Pharmacokinetic Research in New Drug Development, recently received a NASA EPSCoR grant to conduct research in image processing. The effort focuses on the development of technologies specifically to register and merge imagery with other forms of data. The grant is a cooperative effort with West Virginia University. Marshall’s component is valued at $15,000. TESSER attended the meeting as one of five invited speakers. The Conference on Cardiac Surgery of Andalucia in Malaga, Spain, in September. He spoke on "Reconstruction of the Aortic Root Utilizing Homografts, Herbaceous-Layer and Ovotestis in Clear-Cut and Mature Central Appalachian Hardwood Forests" (5:497-953) co-authored by NICOLE L. TURRILL, former graduate student in the Biological Sciences Department, and Dr. Mary Beth Adams of the USDA Forest Service in Parsons; "Patterns and mechanisms of plant diversity in forested ecosystems: implications for forest management" (5:967-979) co-authored by Dr. Mark K. Roberts. The articles were part of a special feature based on a symposium given at the 1993 annual meeting of the Ecological Society of America. The symposium, organized by GILLIAM and Roberts, brought together prominent forest ecologists from throughout North America.

Dr. MICHAEL P. CASTELLANI of the Department of Chemistry presented a seminar titled "Polyphenylcyclopentadienyl Transition Metal Complexes" to the Department of Chemistry at Ohio State University on Nov. 30.

Dr. WILLIAM M. DENMAN, professor and chair of communication studies, and Dr. ROBERT F. EDMUNDS, associate professor of communication studies, attended the 81st annual meeting of the Speech Communication Association held Nov. 18-21 in San Antonio, TX. Dr. Cleckley was named "Bridge the Gap: Teaching a Basic Public Speaking Class over Satellite Television".

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Physical plant director named

agent and project manager for Paul E. Lehman Inc. in Chambersburg, Pa., and taught mathematics at Nicholas County High School in Princeton, W.Va. He has been involved in various community and professional organizations and is past president of Lions clubs in Pennsylvania and Montgomery. He is also past president of the West Virginia Association of Physical Plant Administrators. Allman has been a master mason since 1969.

As director of Marshall’s physical plant, Allman will be responsible for the operation of a department that includes the administration of approximately 150 employees, 32 academic buildings and 205 acres of grounds.

"I am confident Dale will do an excellent job at Marshall," said GILLEY. "It is important to have an experienced person as director of the physical plant to be able to manage the major construction projects and currently are preparing for the demolition of Northcott Hall to make way for a new technologically sophisticated library. The presence of the physical plant’s construction industry as well as his experience directing a college physical plant will be a tremendous asset for the university."

Letter of appreciation

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff,

Your kind expressions of sympathy and friendship will always remain in our memory and give you for your thoughtfulness. The flowers were beautiful.

Sincerely,

June Mitchell, Karen Mitchell

Cleckley to speak at King memorial service

Cleckley was named to the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals by Governor Gaston Caperton on May 3, 1994. He is the first African American to hold a seat on the state's highest court.

A graduate of Huntington High School, Cleckley received his law degree from the University of Maryland School of Law. After three years of outstanding service as a Navy legal officer, where he was labeled "the most requested lawyer in Vietnam," he was admitted to the Bar of the District of Columbia and was named a partner in a Washington, D.C., law firm.

He joined the law faculty at West Virginia University in 1969 and became the first African American full professor in WVU's history in 1972. In 1985 he was appointed the first holder of the Arthur B. Hodges Chair of Law at the university.

In addition to teaching at WVU, Cleckley also has been a visiting lecturer at the University of Maryland Law School, the Mercer University Law School, the Louisiana Wetzel School of Law, the Mississippi School of Law and the Syracuse University College of Law.

Cleckley is widely known for his writings in different areas of the law. Among his current works are "Handbook on Evidence for West Virginia Lawyers," "The West Virginia Criminal Trial Procedure" and "Medical Care and the Law." As the original report for the West Virginia state Court of Appeals, he was named the drafter of the West Virginia Rules of Evidence, the West Virginia Rules of Criminal Procedure and the 1984 Revisions of the Local Rules—United States District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia.

Cleckley has served as chairman of the Legal Redress Committee for the West Virginia NAACP and chair of the NAACP Legal Advisory Committee. In 1987 at the 78th national convention of the NAACP in Cincinnati, he was named the Robert Minor Memorial Award, the highest honor given to an attorney by the NAACP. In 1994, he was named "Franklin D. Cleckley Award" presented by the West Virginia State Conference of the NAACP. He also has the distinction of being the first Martin Luther King Jr. Fellow of the Woodrow Wilson Fellowship Foundation. In 1979, Cleckley was one of five nominees for the United States Civil Rights and the 1990 National "Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Award." The Franklin D. Cleckley Foundation, a nonprofit organization designed to help former convicts with educational and employment opportunities, also serves the community. The Franklin D. Cleckley Symposium at West Virginia University was established in 1992 to bring distinguished members of the civil rights and African American community together to discuss topics of current interest. At Mercer University, an award in Cleckley’s honor is presented to a successful attorney in the state of W.Va., who makes the best effort at public and community service.

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Following Cleckley's presentation, the winner of the annual "From Campus to Kitchen," a collection of nearly 800 recipes published to raise money for the Marshall University Scholarship Fund will be announced.

"This cookbook has everything," said Linda S. Holmes, director of the Office of Alumni Affairs which is marketing the book. Not only does the book feature recipes from Marshall alumni, faculty, staff and students, but all proceeds will go toward Marshall's living past presidents and a number of political figures.

Two editions of "From Campus to Kitchen" are available at Marshall's Erickson Alumni Center: the regular edition, priced at $14.50, and an autographed edition, complete with a gold gift box, for $50. Shipping and handling is $3.25 per book. The West Virginia State Bar Association will receive the proceeds from the sale of the books presented at the Erickson Alumni Center or mailed-order by West Virginia residents.

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